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APARTMENTS IN CLINTON RECEIVE USDA AWARD

Clinton (04-07; 12-16-03): Each year USDA Rural Development invites nominations to recognize those Indiana apartment projects financed through USDA that are noteworthy for their excellent management and maintenance practices. USDA Rural Development announced recently that Aragon Apartments in Clinton has been recognized as the USDA Rural Rental Housing "Apartment Project of the Year" for the elderly in Indiana for 2003.

Donna Cooper, apartment manager, was presented a Special Achievement Award by Kelly Barmann, USDA Rural Development's Assistant State Director, during a gathering at the apartments on December 16.

The winning rental property consists of 48 units and was built in 1995. These apartments were designed to meet the affordable housing needs of limited income seniors and are an asset to this Vermillion County community. Among the amenities available onsite for the residents at Aragon Apartments are a community room with computer access, nutrition classes, special fellowship dinners and holiday gatherings, monthly nursing visits and the Aragon Resident Council which shares ideas with management on how to make Aragon Apartments the number one place to live in Clinton for the elderly and handicapped.

Barmann said, "In Indiana there are over 600 rural rental housing developments with nearly 14,000 apartment units financed by USDA. Clinton's Aragon Apartments is certainly very deserving of this special recognition. Congratulations to the owner, the manager and the residents."

Single family home loans, rural rental housing, water and waste water facility funding, business and industry loans, and community facility loans and grants are financial resources available from USDA Rural Development. Questions concerning these services in this area can be directed to USDA Rural Development, 2378 W. U.S. 136, Suite 3, Covington, IN 47932; phone 765-793-3651, extension 4.

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